

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-11 (Cancelled)

12. (New) An improved element for forming ground covering, restraining and reinforcing structures, with a front wall comprising at least one panel of electrically welded wire netting, a lower wall and an upper wall each comprising at least one panel of double-twist hexagonal-mesh wire netting, the front wall being connected in an articulated manner at one of its end edges at least, to an edge of the lower wall or the upper wall.

13. (New) An improved element as claimed in claim 12, wherein the front wall is connected in an articulated manner at two of its opposite end edges to an edge of the lower wall and an edge of the upper wall respectively.

14. (New) An improved element as claimed in claim 12, wherein the upper wall has a height substantially corresponding to or lower than the height of the front wall.

15. (New) An improved element as claimed in claim 12, further comprising bracket means adapted to support, in use, the front wall in an inclined configuration with respect to the lower wall.

16. (New) An improved element as claimed in claim 15, wherein the bracket means comprise at least one triangular bracket with a side secured in an articulated manner to the front wall.

17. (New) An improved element as claimed in claim 12, wherein a layer of geosynthetic material or bio-matting is secured to the front wall.

18. (New) An improved element as claimed in claim 12, wherein the articulated connection of the front wall to the lower wall and/or the upper wall is factory-made, the element being stowed and/or transported to the place of use in a flat configuration in which the front wall is placed on the lower wall and/or the upper wall.

19. (New) An improved element as claimed in claim 18, wherein the front wall is connected in an articulated manner to both the lower wall and the upper wall, the element being stowed and/or transported to the place of use in a flat configuration in which the front wall and the upper wall are both placed on the lower wall.

20. (New) An improved element as claimed in claim 18, wherein the front wall is connected in an articulated manner to both the lower wall and the upper wall, the element being stowed and/or transported to the place of use in a flat configuration in which the front wall, the upper wall and the lower wall are folded and placed at least partially on top of one another in a zigzag configuration.

21. (New) An improved element as claimed in claim 12, wherein the upper wall comprises at least two panels connected in an articulated manner along a common edge substantially parallel to the edges of the front wall.